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## NEWS RELEASES

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" SUNSHINE NOTICE . The FCC will hold an open meeting on July 9, 1998 at 9:00 a.m., room 856, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.. OMD." Internet URL:

[https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Miscellaneous/Public\\_Notices/Agenda/1998/ag980709.html](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Miscellaneous/Public_Notices/Agenda/1998/ag980709.html)

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

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Released: July 2, 1998. TARIFF TRANSMITTAL PUBLIC REFERENCE LOG - JULY 1. Internet URL:

[https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common\\_Carrier/Public\\_Notices/Tariffs/combined/tt070198.pdf](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Public_Notices/Tariffs/combined/tt070198.pdf)

Released: July 2, 1998. REQUEST BY BELL ATLANTIC-VIRGINIA FOR LIMITED MODIFICATION OF LATA BOUNDARIES TO PROVIDE EXPANDED LOCAL CALLING SERVICE. On June 26, 1998, Bell Atlantic-Virginia filed four petitions requesting modification of local access transport area boundaries to provide expanded local calling service between various exchanges in Virginia. Interested parties may file comments concerning this matter by July 16; replies by July 23. Contact: Alan Thomas, Network Services Division at (202) 418-2338.

Released: July 2, 1998. KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SEEKS WAIVER OF COMMISSION RULES ON AGGREGATION FOR SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES - CC DOCKET NO. 96-45. The Commission is seeking comments on the Kentucky Department of Education's Petition for Waiver to permit it to compute an aggregated discount rate at the state level for the purposes of applying for discounted services under the universal service support mechanism for schools and libraries. Comments due July 23; replies due August 6. (DA No. 98-1334). Contact: Antoinette Stevens or Irene Flannery, Universal Service Branch, Accounting and Audits Division at (202) 418-7400. Internet URL:

[https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common\\_Carrier/Public\\_Notices/1998/da981334.html](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Public_Notices/1998/da981334.html)

Released: July 2, 1998. POLE ATTACHMENT COMPLAINTS AND PETITIONS BEFORE THE CABLE SERVICES BUREAU.

Report No: 1189. Released: July 2, 1998. CABLE TELEVISION SERVICE REGISTRATIONS; SPECIAL RELIEF AND OTHER FILINGS.

Report No: I-8317. Released: July 2, 1998. OVERSEAS COMMON CARRIER SECTION 214 APPLICATIONS ACTIONS TAKEN. (DA No. 98-1331). Internet URL:

[https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/Public\\_Notices/1998/da981331.txt](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/Public_Notices/1998/da981331.txt)

Report No: 44275. Released: July 2, 1998. BROADCAST ACTIONS. Internet URL:  
[https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass\\_Media/Public\\_Notices/Brdcst\\_Actions/ac980702.txt](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/Brdcst_Actions/ac980702.txt)

Report No: 24275. Released: July 2, 1998. BROADCAST APPLICATIONS. Internet URL:  
[https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass\\_Media/Public\\_Notices/Brdcst\\_Applications/ap980702.txt](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/Brdcst_Applications/ap980702.txt)

Released: July 2, 1998. EX PARTE PRESENTATIONS AND POST-REPLY COMMENT PERIOD FILINGS IN PERMIT-BUT-DISCLOSE PROCEEDINGS. Internet URL:  
[https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Miscellaneous/Public\\_Notices/Exparte/1998/ex980702.html](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Miscellaneous/Public_Notices/Exparte/1998/ex980702.html)

Released: July 2, 1998. FEE DECISIONS OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. (DA No. 98-1320). Contact: Claudette Pride, Chief, Fee Section at (202) 418-1995. Internet URL:  
[https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Miscellaneous/Public\\_Notices/1998/da981320.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Miscellaneous/Public_Notices/1998/da981320.wp)

Report No: CWS-98-39. Released: July 2, 1998. WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU COMMERCIAL WIRELESS INFORMATION. Internet URL:  
[https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public\\_Notices/1998/pnwl8069.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public_Notices/1998/pnwl8069.wp)

Report No: LB-98-52. Released: July 2, 1998. WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU COMMERCIAL WIRELESS SERVICE INFORMATION. Internet URL:  
[https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public\\_Notices/1998/pnwl8073.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public_Notices/1998/pnwl8073.wp)

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**TEXTS**  
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MEREDITH CABLE. Granted complaints filed against Meredith Cable for the rates charged for cable programming services tier in multiple communities in Washington and Ramsey Counties, MN. Action by Acting Bureau Chief. Adopted: June 30, 1998. by Order. (DA No. 98-1311). CSB Internet URL:  
<https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1998/da981311.wp>

MEREDITH CABLE. Granted complaints filed against the rates charged by Meredith Cable for cable programming services tier in multiple communities in Anoka and Ramsey Counties, MN. Action by Acting Bureau Chief. Adopted: June 30, 1998. by Order. (DA No. 98-1312). CSB Internet URL:  
<https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1998/da981312.wp>

COMCAST CABLEVISION OF SHELBY, INC. Dismissed the 1994 complaint filed against the September 1, 1993, rate increase of Comcast Cablevision of Shelby, Inc. because it was untimely filed with the Federal Communications Commission. Denied the complaint filed against the November 1, 1997, rate increase for cable programming service tier charged by Comcast Cablevision of Shelby, Inc., in Shelby, MI. Action by Chief, Financial Analysis and Compliance Division. Adopted: June 30, 1998. by Order. (DA No. 98-1319). CSB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1998/da981319.wp>

MADISON, IN. Proposed amending FM Table to allot Channel 266A to Madison, Indiana, as that community's second local FM and third local aural transmission service. Comments due August 24; replies September 8. Dkt No.: MM- 98-105. Action by Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau. Adopted: June 24, 1998. by NPRM. (DA No. 98-1288). MMB Internet URL:  
[https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass\\_Media/Notices/1998/da981288.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Notices/1998/da981288.wp)

MISSOULA, MT. Proposed amending FM Table to allot Channel 290A at Missoula, Montana, as that community's fifth FM broadcast service. Comments due August 24; replies September 8. Dkt No.: M -98-106. Action by Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau. Adopted: June 24, 1998. by NPRM. (DA No. 98-1286). MMB Internet URL:  
[https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass\\_Media/Notices/1998/da981286.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Notices/1998/da981286.wp)

ERRATUM - FM TABLE OF ALLOTMENTS - CLINTON AND OKARCHE, OK. Erratum to NPRM released May 22, 1998, DA 98-954 changing comment filing period. Comments due August 24; replies September 8, rather than July 13 and July 28. Dkt No.: MM- 98-70. Action by Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau. Adopted: June 29, 1998. by Notice. (DA No. 98-1289). MMB Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass\\_Media/Notices/1998/da981289.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Notices/1998/da981289.wp)

RULES TO ESTABLISH A RADIO ASTRONOMY COORDINATION ZONE IN PUERTO RICO. In response to a petition for reconsideration filed by the Puerto Rico Telephone Company, clarified Commission's rules regarding the Arecibo Radio Astronomy Observatory Coordination Zone that covers the islands of Puerto Rico, Desecheo, Mona, Vieques, and Culebra within the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Dkt No.: ET- 96-2. Action by the Commission. Adopted: June 29, 1998. by MO&O. (FCC No. 98-140). OET Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Engineering\\_Technology/Orders/1998/fcc98140.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Engineering_Technology/Orders/1998/fcc98140.wp)

**ADDENDA: The following items, released July 1, 1998, did not appear in Digest No. 126:**

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**  
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Released: July 1, 1998. SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE COMPANY FILES PETITION FOR WAIVER OF SECTION 32.27 OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES. (DA No. 98-1332). Contact: Anthony Dale at (202) 418-2260. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common\\_Carrier/Public\\_Notices/1998/da981332.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Public_Notices/1998/da981332.wp)

Released: July 1, 1998. FEDERAL-STATE JOINT BOARD ON UNIVERSAL SERVICE ANNOUNCES RURAL TASK FORCE MEMBERS - CC DOCKET 96-45. (FCC No. 98-J-1). Contact: Pam Gallant, Accounting Policy Division at (202) 418-7400. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common\\_Carrier/Public\\_Notices/1998/fcc98jl.pdf](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Public_Notices/1998/fcc98jl.pdf)

Released: July 1, 1998. BELL SOUTH PETITIONS THE COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL RATE ELEMENTS FOR ITS CCS7 ACCESS ARRANGEMENT - PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED. On June 15, 1998, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. filed a petition with the FCC for permission to establish additional rate elements for use in connection with a restructuring of its CCS7 access arrangement. BellSouth plans to establish two new rate elements to recover costs presently being recovered on a bundled basis from other rate elements. Comments to the waiver petition due July 21; replies July 31. (DA No. 98-1314). Contact: Harold Watson, Competitive Pricing Division at (202) 418-1520.

Released: July 1, 1998. COMMISSION SEEKS COMMENT ON REQUEST BY VIRGIN ISLANDS TELEPHONE CORPORATION FOR EXTENSION AND WAIVER OF THE CARRIER IDENTIFICATION CODE (CIC) IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE (CC DOCKET NO. 92-237). On June 12, 1998, the Virgin Islands Telephone Corp. (Vitelco) filed a Petition for Extension of the Commission's Rules Regarding Transition to four-Digit CICs requesting that the Commission extend its waiver of the conversion deadline for four-digit CIC capability from a previously-granted July 1, 1998, waiver deadline until December 1999. In a letter filed June 25, Vitelco clarified its petition to also request that the Commission waive the three-digit CIC blocking deadline of July 1, 1998, until Vitelco has implemented seven-digit CAC dialing in December 1999. Comments due July 8, 1998; no reply comments will be accepted. (DA No. 98-1318). Contact: Renee Alexander at (202) 418-2497, TTY (202) 418-2224 or Kris Monteith at (202) 418-1098. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common\\_Carrier/Public\\_Notices/1998/da981318.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Public_Notices/1998/da981318.wp)

Report No: 3643. Released: July 1, 1998. CABLE SERVICES ACTION.

Report No: 1367. Released: July 1, 1998. CABLE TELEVISION RELAY SERVICE (CARS) APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR FILING.

Report No: D-993-A. Released: July 1, 1998. MASS MEDIA BUREAU MULTIPOINT DISTRIBUTION SERVICES APPLICATIONS. Internet URL:

[https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass\\_Media/Public\\_Notices/MDS\\_Notices/md980701.pdf](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/MDS_Notices/md980701.pdf)

Report No: D-993. Released: July 1, 1998. MASS MEDIA BUREAU MULTIPOINT DISTRIBUTION SERVICE APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR FILING. Internet URL:

[https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass\\_Media/Public\\_Notices/MDS\\_Notices/md980701.pdf](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/MDS_Notices/md980701.pdf)

Report No: 2282. Released: July 1, 1998. OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS REFERENCE OPERATIONS DIVISION PETITIONS FOR RULEMAKING FILED.

Report No: 16. Released: July 1, 1998. WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU SITE-BY-SITE ACCEPTED FOR FILING.

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## TEXTS

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PCI COMMUNICATIONS. Denied petition for emergency relief and expedited declaratory ruling filed by PCI Communications, Inc. Additionally adopted as the permanent resolution of issues raised in PCI's petition the Interim Settlement Arrangement entered into by PCI and the Guam Telephone Authority approved by the Competitive Pricing Division of the CCB in its April 20, 1998, Order. Action by Chief, Competitive Pricing Division. Adopted: July 1, 1998. by MO&O. (DA No. 98-1303). CCB

HICKORY TECH CORPORATION AND HEARTLAND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF IOWA. Granted, to the extent indicated, Hickory Tech's and Heartland's Request for Stay of a portion of an MO&O released by the Accounting and Audits Division on February 14, 1997, which ruled, in part that Heartland must operate as a cost settlement company and that its affiliate, Amana Colonies Telephone Company must convert from average schedule status to cost settlement status by July 1, 1998. Action by Chief, Accounting Safeguards Division. Adopted: June 30, 1998. by Order. (DA No. 98-1309). CCB Internet URL:

[https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common\\_Carrier/Orders/1998/da981309.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Orders/1998/da981309.wp)

AMERITECH CORPORATION, COMPLAINANT, V. MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION, DEFENDANTS. Granted Ameritech's and MCI's Joint Motion to Dismiss with Prejudice Ameritech's April 24, 1997 formal complaint against MCI concerning allegations that MCI violated Section 271(e)(1) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended; complaint dismissed with prejudice; terminated proceeding. Action by Deputy Chief, Formal Complaints and Investigations Branch, Enforcement Division. Adopted: July 1, 1998. by Order. (DA No. 98-1333). CCB Internet URL:

[https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common\\_Carrier/Orders/1998/da981333.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Orders/1998/da981333.wp)

INFORMATION PROVIDERS GROUP, COMPLAINANT, V. TELESPIHERE COMMUNICATIONS, INC., DEFENDANT. Dismissed without prejudice Information Providers Group's complaint against Telesphere Communications, Inc. Action by Deputy Chief, Formal Complaints and Investigations Branch, Enforcement Division. Adopted: June 30, 1998. by Order. (DA No. 98-1308). CCB Internet URL:

[https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common\\_Carrier/Orders/1998/da981308.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Orders/1998/da981308.wp)

SINCLAIR APPLICATIONS AND HEARST-ARGYLE APPLICATIONS. Granted, subject to conditions, applications for assignment of license of WNNE(TV), Hartford, VT, and WPTZ(TV) North Pole, NY and associated translator facility from wholly-owned subsidiaries of Sinclair Broadcast Group to STC Broadcasting of Vermont Subsidiary, Inc. (STC-Vermont); granted applications for consent to assignment of WNNE(TV), WPTZ(TV) and associated translator facility from STC-Vermont to Hearst Argyle Stations, Inc.; granted application to assign license of station WDTN(TV), Dayton, OH from Hearst-Argyle to STC; granted application for consent to assign license of station WNAC-TV, Providence, RI, from Hearst-Argyle to Smith Acquisition

License Company; granted application for consent to assign license of station KSBW(TV), Salinas, CA and associated translator facility from STC to Hearst-Argyle. Action by Bureau Chief. Adopted: July 1, 1998. by MO&O. (DA No. 98-1316). MMB Internet URL:  
[https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass\\_Media/Orders/1998/da981316.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Orders/1998/da981316.wp)